report to Government; and

(b) to what extent the small scale industries in the country would be benefited by it?'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Small Scale Industries Board is an advisory body whose function is to advise the Government on all policy matters relating to the development of small scale Industries. The small scale Industries Board has been reconstituted on 16-6-1992. The meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held in the near future. The Board will then make its recommendations to the Govt.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of fertiliser unit by Hindustan Lever Limited

3176. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Lever Limited is trying to wriggle out of its commitments to establish a big fertiliser unit in Karnal;

(b) whether Government are aware that Hindustan Lever Limited is showing increasing reluctance to bring in fresh investment from Unilever; and

(c) if so, the reasons given by the company and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHIRMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) There is no proposal of M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited to establish any fertiliser unit in Karnal pending in Government of India.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

TFM content in soap

3177. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Lever Limited has claimed that the percetnage TFM content in soap is not a corre guide of its quality; and

(b) if so, the basis of their contentio

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPAR MENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELO MENT (SHIRMATI KRISHNA SAHI (a) and (b) No report from M/s. Hi dustan Lever Limited claiming that t percentage of TFM content in soap is n a correct guide of its quality has be received in this Ministry.

Lowering of costs by Hindustan Leve Ltd.

3178. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: W the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) whether Hindustan Lever Limit has claimed lowering cost of its produc by substituting chemical ingredients wi out affecting their quality;

(b) if so, whether such benefits ha been passed on to the consumers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPAR MENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELO MENT (SHIRMATI KRISHNA SAHI (a) to (c) No report claiming reductio in cost of production of various produc manufactured by M/s. Hindustan Lev Limited has been received in this Mini try from the company. Ceaps detergen and toiletries, some of the products manu factured by M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd are formulation products and units manu facturing these items are not required t